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Regional AG office to close Sept. 1

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Granite City Regional Attorney General office will close Sept. 1, Attorney General Jim Ryan announced Wednesday. At a news conference in Springfield, Ryan unveiled a plan to reduce the number of regional offices in the state to six from 18. He said the move will cut administrative costs by more than \$2 million a year and that savings will be used to upgrade salaries and hire an additional 30 attorneys.

Since the regional office concept was initiated by former Attorney General Neil Hartigan, the Granite City office has served a

seven-county area. Under the new plan, a 16-county area — including Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties — will be served by an East St. Louis regional office.

The regional offices focused mainly on consumer complaints against fraudulent business practices.

"It was a tough decision, as I'm sure you can imagine," Ryan said. "But it was absolutely necessary in order to both refine the regional office system and re-allocate dollars for hiring additional attorneys and paying our underpaid lawyers a competitive salary."

"In the long run, I truly believe that this restructuring will make us a much stronger public law office and, in doing so, better serve the citizens of Illinois," Ryan said.

He said Illinois currently has more regional offices than any other state and that computers, fax machines and other technology have reduced the need for so many offices. In making the announcement, he cited a recent study by the Chicago Council of Lawyers which found inconsistent lawyering and a lack of professionalism within the system.

Under the plan, an improved 800 telephone number system will be implemented for easy access to the offices and attorneys, Ryan said.

Other regional offices slated for closure are those in Waukegan, Wheaton, Rock Island, Kankakee, Peoria, LaSalle-Peru, West (See OFFICE, Page 2A)

Madison site perfect, plant developer says

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The site of a proposed \$75-million wood-to-energy plant in Madison scored a perfect "10" on four criteria used by developers, according to developer Michael Vrtis.

At sitting hearings Tuesday, Vrtis, of Metro East LLC, a subsidiary of the Connecticut-based STRV LLC, said the company had looked at several hundred sites in the area before choosing Madison.

He said the site was picked because it most closely matched four criteria:

- ✓ It was located close to industries that would provide the wood fuel for the plant.
- ✓ It was close to infrastructure such as water and sewer.
- ✓ The land was in an industrial zone.
- ✓ There was a good road system.

Vrtis also outlined public benefits from the plant, including 42 permanent jobs, 200 construction jobs, at least \$1.6 million in local property taxes, and an expansion of the industrial tax base with little increase in need for services.

The plant would also have environmental benefits, includ-



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)
STRV LLC Project Manager Michael Vrtis explains his project to hearing officer Charles King.

ing a lessening of reliance on fossil fuels, and taking the wood fuel out of the waste stream. He also said that emissions offsets — requirements that would force the company to pay to decrease smokestack emis-

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No shortage of testimony

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Plans to limit testimony of proponents of a \$75 million wood-to-energy plant in Madison to one day were thwarted after the developer spent almost six hours answering questions at Tuesday's public hearing.

The sitting hearing was the first step toward approval of the plant, which would burn waste coal and waste wood to produce electrical energy.

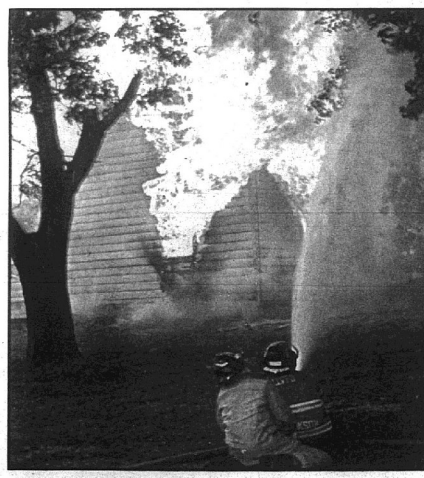
At about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, expert witnesses for the proponents were still testifying. At that time seven people, including developer Michael Vrtis, had talked, and two more were going to be heard that night.

The hearings ended at about 12:30 a.m., and resumed Wednesday at about 9 a.m.

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)



Practice — Above, Paul Hitchcock of the Long Lake Fire Protection District cuts ventilation in the roof of a house on Old Alton Road that was set on fire Saturday as a training exercise for area firefighters. Instructor Bob Dudley, behind him, watches, along with Long Lake firefighters Joe Boushard, Tonya Boushard and Joe Lee. At left, firefighters Cheryl Erickson, right, of the Long Lake Fire Protection District, and Steve Clayton of the Melvin Price Support Center keep a hose trained on the house. Fire officials say the training exercise provided a valuable experience for some 45 firefighters, giving them real experience in the fighting a blaze. See Page 5A for story and more photos.

Allegation stops hearing

No evidence of impropriety disclosed

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Although the hearing officer was being liberal in allowing questioning of proponents of a Madison power plant, a question that could have implied improper conduct by Madison city officials and developers drew a sharp response at Tuesday's hearings.

The question, if Michael Vrtis of STRV LLC had given any money or made promises to city officials, was asked by Kathy Andria of Stop Polluting Illinois toward the end of almost six hours of testimony by Vrtis.

Hearing officer Charles King's

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response was very swift and to the point.

He told Andria that if she had any information about any improper dealings, he would stop the hearing immediately and take a statement from her, which would go to the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

"I am not going to play games with things like this," he said.

After more questioning from King, Andria said she did not have any such evidence. She also said she did not realize

when she asked the question how serious it was.

"I guess I do now because you scared me," she said. Several times during the discussion King said he would meet with Andria after the hearing and take any statement she had to make.

She was again asked by King if she knew of any such evidence. Andria replied that she had heard second-hand comments.

"I don't care if it was said in the back yard," King said. "When you start asking questions like this, it's extraordinarily serious."

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDQ-NewsChannel 5

Faces

Metro Pierson has one basic philosophy: to leave her community a better place than she found it.

Pierson, a lifelong Venice resident, is director of the Madison County Urban League's Family Planning Clinic and also 1995-96 president of the Venice-Madison Rotary Club.

"I've lived in Venice all my life. I grew up here. I raised my family here. I want to do what I can to make it a better place," she said. "This often means taking risks and even failing. I'd rather try and fail than not try at all. I'm not afraid of failing, but I will promise you that I will fail at something only once."



Metro Pierson

Viewers' choice

Cable subscribers will get to vote on new stations

By Nicols Vaughn
Staff writer

Cable subscribers will get to exercise the fine art of democracy in choosing two new stations to be added to the Charter Communications lineup.

Customers will get a look at six different channels this week, two of which will become part of the cable company's basic service later this year.

Some 37,000 customers in Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville, Troy and Granite City, served by the Maryville-based Charter, will be getting information on each of the six channels and a ballot through the mail.

The six channels to be previewed, starting Friday, are: Black Entertainment Television, ESPN 2, the History Channel, the (See CABLE, Page 11A)



(Staff photos by BOB SLATE)

Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen, above, displays some of the drugs, guns and cash confiscated from a home on National Avenue Tuesday afternoon. At right, patrolman Kevin Thebeau, left, and Ruebhausen arrest Harlan Bone at his home Tuesday afternoon.

Police raid fortified house, arrest two

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Drugs, guns and cash were confiscated from a home near Wilson Elementary School Tuesday night when Granite City police executed a search warrant on National Avenue.

Harlan L. Bone, 39, and Donna F. Warren, 47, both of the 2700 block of National Avenue, were arrested Tuesday and each charged with one count of unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver and one count of criminal fortification of a residence or building in felony warrants issued Wednesday. Bone's warrants are \$250,000 for each suspect.

The two are alleged to have possessed more than 500 grams of marijuana, according to the warrant.

The fortification charge stems from heavily barred doors "with the intent to prevent the lawful entry of law enforcement officers," the warrant states.

Police seized about four pounds of marijuana, 15 long guns — including seven assault weapons with high-capacity magazines — six handguns, thousands of rounds of assault ammunition — including cases of Black Talons — several spring-loaded knives and \$2,000 cash when executing the search warrant at 2720 National Ave. at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday.

Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the ammunition was a type designed to

pierce bullet-proof vests. He said the bullets are armor-piercing rounds that contain a steel core and are boosted by a very hot charge. They will pierce up to a quarter-inch steel plate, Ruebhausen said.

"There isn't a policeman in this city that has a vest that could stop these rounds," he said.

The weapons included an AK-47, an AR-15 and two M-14 rifles, he said. Two young children live in the home and several children were present when the raid occurred, Ruebhausen said.

"It's sad when you open the freezer and right next to the kids' ice cream you find a pound of dope," Ruebhausen said. The home was barricaded with a

barred screen door, a steel door with multiple locks and two two-by-four boards, Ruebhausen said.

"I'm tired of these people selling dope in Granite City. And it seems like more and more we are finding guns with the dope and cash. They're always together," he said.

The arrest resulted from an investigation initiated by the department's two-man undercover narcotics team. In addition to those officers, two detectives and three patrolmen — including a K-9 officer — were in on the raid.

Police returned to the scene Wednesday to execute a second search warrant to confiscate a gun safe in the home.

Murder charges sought

A 28-year-old East St. Louis man allegedly murdered his girlfriend sometime over the weekend before leading police to her body at a location near Fairmont City early Tuesday morning.

Centerville police were seeking murder charges Wednesday against the suspect in the stabbing death of Jacqueline Carpenter, 43, of Centerville.

Centerville Police Chief Curtis McCall said the suspect took him to the Frontage Road near the split of Interstate 55 70 and Illinois 203 about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday and to Carpenter's body.

The search for the suspect began Saturday afternoon after one of Carpenter's children reported her missing.

Carpenter had five children ranging in age from 10 to 25, McCall said.

"The kids really made the case," McCall said. "As soon as she didn't come home, they knew something was wrong. It wasn't like her."

McCall said he had interviewed the suspect earlier Monday and that his story did not match statements McCall had taken from the suspect's family Sunday. The suspect, who was the last person seen with Carpenter about 10:30 p.m. Friday, denied any knowledge of her disappearance.

McCall said he told the man that if he "had anything else to tell him" to call him back. The man did about 11:30 p.m. Monday.

He said he thought about what he had said and decided he wanted to tell me exactly what had happened that night," McCall said.

McCall said that Carpenter had tried to end her five-year relationship with the suspect. The stabbing followed an argument between the two, McCall said.

Carpenter was killed at the site where her body was discovered, McCall said. The suspect had attempted to cover Carpenter's body with weeds.

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Frankfort, Mt. Vernon and Chicago (two). Each satellite office will be staffed with two attorneys, a secretary, an advocate and an investigator.

The AG's plan will also create a third full-service office in Carbondale to add to the existing full-service offices in Springfield and Chicago.

Speculation has abounded on the restructuring since Ryan was elected last year.

Assistant Attorney General Dennis Orsey said his office in Granite City received news of the restructuring by fax Wednesday morning just prior to the press conference.

"It was like warning America just prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese (in World War II)," Orsey said.

Orsey said four support staff in his office will likely be fired because there is no provision in their contract for bumping rights between regional offices.

He said he still does not know if he will be relocated to East St. Louis or another office.

The current office system costs about \$3.6 million annually and represents about 13 percent of the Attorney General's general revenue fund budget. Ryan said the new system will cost about \$1.5 million annually.

The plan also provides for establishing Legal Advocacy Coordinating Councils in each region to evaluate the legal needs of the area. The councils will consist of mayors, state's attorneys, and representatives of business and consumer groups.

Ryan called the plan "fair, efficient and effective."

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Bill limits suits against car dealers

Gov. Jim Edgar has signed into law a bill intended to put the brakes on an increasing number of lawsuits against auto dealers.

Auto dealers in Madison County said the legislation provides reasonable roadblocks against frivolous lawsuits, but some opponents argued it was anti-consumer.

Edgar approved the measure, effective immediately, without comment. It was one of several bills passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature in the spring.

Restricting lawsuits against various types of businesses. The Illinois Automobile Dealers Association pushed for

the measure, arguing that there has been a spurt in lawsuits against dealers that resulted in windfall damages being paid to lawyers and their clients. The association said the average case was settled for about \$25,000, twice the average damages alleged.

The car dealers also argued that new buyers already have protection under the New Vehicle Buyer Protection Act in effect since 1984. That "lemon law" says the dealer has to replace the vehicle or give a refund if a car requires the same type of repair four or more times within the warranty period.

The new law requires a buyer

to prove "a public injury, a pattern an effect on consumers and the public interest" before a dealer can be sued for an allegedly defective vehicle.

It also requires buyers to submit a letter to the dealer detailing an intention to sue and the amount of damages sought before filing a case, a provision intended to spur earlier settlements.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation attorney Michelle Gilbert argued the new law makes it "nearly impossible for any individual consumer to file a case and receive damages for being defrauded."

Fornaszewski concert tonight at park

Stan Fornaszewski and his Big Band will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Wilson Park.

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Second audition set for cable show

A second open audition is scheduled for "Talent!," a local cable television show currently under production.

"There was a tremendous show of talent at our first audition. We had contestants from St. Louis, the East Side and as far away as Indiana," said Darlene Duncan, talent coordinator of the show.

"I'm looking for anyone who wants to be part of this excitement."

Talent! is scheduled to premier on three cable networks in the St. Louis metropolitan area beginning in September 1995. Contestants will perform before a live studio audience during the taping of each episode.

Individuals or groups are currently being scheduled for audition times from 1 to 5 p.m. on August 2. Anyone interested in auditioning should contact the production offices immediately to arrange an audition time. Singers, dancers, musicians, actors, magicians, comedians and other types of talent will be considered.

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Mobile home park owner may face hefty fines

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While Village Green Mobile Home Park owner Ed Zeman of Chicago says he is ready to meet with Pontoon Beach officials, those officials say they are ready to start fining Zeman for ordinance violations in the park.

At Tuesday's regular village board meeting, the board set a special meeting with Zeman for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the village hall.

However, that didn't stop Mayor Glen Wilson from announcing that he was instructing Building Inspector Robert Barthelmy to begin citing the park for ordinance violations the next day (Wednesday).

"We're not getting any satisfaction," Wilson said.

Ordinance violations carry a potential fine of \$250 per day per ordinance. A recent walk-through inspection showed a total of 72 violations.

Village Attorney Keith Jensen assured residents at the meeting that the village would be targeting the owners and management of the park, not the individual residents.

The board has been debating what to do with the park, owned by Zeman, since its business license was not renewed May 1 because of the many problems at the park.

The village had refused to issue occupancy permits, but recently allowed two on an emergency basis following building inspections July 1. Those

inspections turned up 72 different code violations.

A public hearing on the park was held last week. Residents complained about matters ranging from crime and trash to title problems. Representatives of the Secretary of State's office were also on hand and talked to 25-30 people about titles.

Village officials have said the company is being investigated by the Secretary of State's office for title violations, but officials in that office have declined comment.

At Tuesday's meeting Jack Humes, an attorney for Zeman, said the company was making a "comprehensive effort to deal with problems" at the park.

A letter from Humes to Jensen dated July 25

said Zeman wanted a meeting with village officials early next week.

In a part of the letter from Zeman said a "large portion" of the problems have been rectified.

"I personally would like to sit down with the village and discuss a plan that would address the balance of the alleged violations that would be beneficial to all parties involved," the letter said.

"In the meantime we would respectfully request the issuance of a conditional business license so that residents waiting to move-in can do so."

Trustees were skeptical.

Trustee Mike Macek said he didn't want to allow anything to be moved in until about 30

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Air show this weekend at Scott

World War II planes will take to the air with the modern Thunderbirds and the Wings of Blue parachute demonstration team Saturday and Sunday at the Scott Air Force Base air show. WWII vintage aircraft will reenact dogfights during the show which will commemorate WWII. Unique aircraft, including a MIG-17, F-86 Sabre jet, Chinese YAK-18, a Canadian F-18, a P-51 and Japanese Zeros, will perform.

"The warbirds promise to be pretty exciting with pyrotechnics, raids and aerial dogfights," Master Sgt. Claude Knighten, chief of media relations, said.

Gates will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is free. The Wings of Blue parachute team will open the show both days at 8:45 a.m. and perform again at 2:15 p.m. The Thunderbirds will close both days at 3 p.m. Vintage WWII vehicles, a medical tent and uniforms will also be on display in a hangar.

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If a person's car is rear-ended by another vehicle, is the driver of the rear vehicle automatically at fault? There seems to be a widespread belief that the rear driver will be held liable in this situation even if the front car stops suddenly. A recent Illinois case addressed this question.

In an accident that occurred in 1979, the Plaintiff was traveling down an entrance ramp to an expressway when his car was rear-ended by the Defendant. The Plaintiff testified that when a car which was about 20 feet in front of him slowed down on the ramp, he also slowed down. Shortly thereafter, he was hit by the Defendant's truck. The Defendant, on the other hand, testified that the Plaintiff's car made a sudden stop and that this was the cause of the accident.

The jury in this case rendered its verdict for the Defendant who was the driver of the rear car. The Plaintiff asked the trial court to grant him a new trial. In support of this, he maintained that in rear-end collision cases, the driver of the rear vehicle should be found negligent as a matter of law. The

trial judge disagreed, and allowed the jury's verdict for the Defendant to stand.

The Plaintiff, who was the driver of the front car, took the case to the Appellate Court. The issue on appeal was whether in a rear-end collision case, the driver of the rear vehicle must automatically be found to be at fault or whether a jury could find the driver of the front vehicle to be the responsible party. The Appellate Court in this case noted that it is the responsibility of the jury to determine who is liable in such accidents. A number of Illinois cases were cited by the Court which stood for the proposition that because a rear-end collision occurred does not necessarily mean the rear driver is at fault.

The Court in this case felt that since the evidence was conflicting on such a crucial issue as the distance between the vehicles prior to the collision, therefore the decision as to who was at fault should be totally left to the jury. The Appellate Court felt there was ample testimony to support the conclusion that the Plaintiff stopped suddenly, and they allowed the jury's verdict to stand.

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Opinion

Editorials

Many suffer to benefit few

The decision by the Illinois Department of Employment Security to close its Granite City office is an example of bureaucracy at its worst.

It reminds us of an infamous memo, entitled simply "The Plan," that hangs on a wall in our office. The memo tells of workers' reaction to an edict by upper-level management to cut personnel. The workers' reaction cannot be reprinted verbatim in a family newspaper. But, as one might expect, the reaction is generally that the plan stinks.

But as the reaction is conveyed up the corporate ladder, its tone changes gradually with each step up until, by the time it reaches the top, the plan is depicted as actively promoting growth and vigor of the company with powerful effects.

Regarding the closure of the IDES office, we realize that the Department of Employment Security relies heavily on federal funding and that the current bent of Congress toward cuts made consolidation necessary.

But what criteria was used to determine which offices would close and which would remain open?

IDES Director Lynn Q. Doherty said that the volume of unemployment insurance claims filed in all offices was taken into consideration when the decision was made. But how much weight was that factor given? We find it difficult to believe that more claims were filed in Glen Carbon, a bedroom community, than in Granite City, the heart of the industrial "community."

Why do the largest industrial employers utilize the Granite City office for job placement assistance when they have openings? Could it be possible that the majority of the available work force resides here and not in the greater Edwardsville area?

How many unemployed doctors, lawyers and college professors do you know?

State Rep. Tom Holbrook begged that the local office at least remain open on a part-time basis. Similar accommodations were made for offices in Cairo and Olney. Not so in Granite City.

City leaders, along with Holbrook, lobbied hard for the department to maintain a local office downtown, near a Madison County Transit District bus station. The city spent several hundred thousand dollars to renovate a building and offered liberal lease terms. The state could have kept a presence in Granite City and continued to conveniently serve thousands of individuals.

But that didn't happen. Mayor Ron Selph called the decision "a slap in the face of the residents of the Quad Cities."

Could it be possible that some information was lost on its way up the bureaucratic ladder to the decision-makers? Or could it have been political considerations — not usage and need — that became the main criteria?

In the end, the benefit of a few seems to have outweighed the needs of many.

3 cheers for the Games

Most people in the Metro East either hadn't heard about the Prairie State Games, thought it was too hot to attend, or weren't interested. Thus, there weren't the local crowds last weekend that organizers hoped for but probably didn't really expect.

After all, this was the first time here for these Games. Certain people play in Illinois. The Olympic-style games, held in northern Illinois for the past decade, were new to this area. We predict they'll draw more people next year, when Fairview Heights will once again, as it was this year, be the host city.

The Games were an economic boost for much of the Metro East, especially Collinsville, which had the most motel rooms to offer.

The weekend event brought at least 8,000 spectators and more than 5,000 athletes to the area for three days, swamping motels not only in Collinsville but in Caseyville, Maryville, Edwardsville, O'Fallon and Fairview Heights.

That brought smiles to the faces of tourism officials and business owners.

It had to please Mike Moore, who with his wife, Maureen, directed the Games.

Next year, we would hope that more Metro East residents will be on the sidelines watching the competition at the various venues.

We would suggest more widespread advance publicity for next year's Prairie State Games. That, combined with the rosy afterglow from this year's Games and the mere fact of the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996, should be a recipe for success, adding substantially to the number of spectators.

Gamblers' program needed

(The following editorial is reprinted from the *Alton Telegraph*.)

Recent developments suggest that employees of the state's riverboat casinos recognize the problems of compulsive gambling and want to see something done.

Certainly, some cynics might say that's a case of the fox guarding the henhouse, but we'd argue that casino employees cannot really be blamed for compulsive gamblers any more than waiters and waitresses can be blamed for the obesity of compulsive eaters.

A recent poll of casino workers, including some Alton Belle employees, found that they favor a statewide public awareness program on problem gambling.

And while some casinos have evicted compulsive gamblers at the request of their families or the gamblers themselves, most casino workers do not believe they should play a direct role in intervening with compulsive gamblers.

At the same time, the Alton Belle has voluntarily joined the national Operation-Bet-Smart program developed by Harrah's Casinos that provides casino patrons with information on how to get help for compulsive gambling.

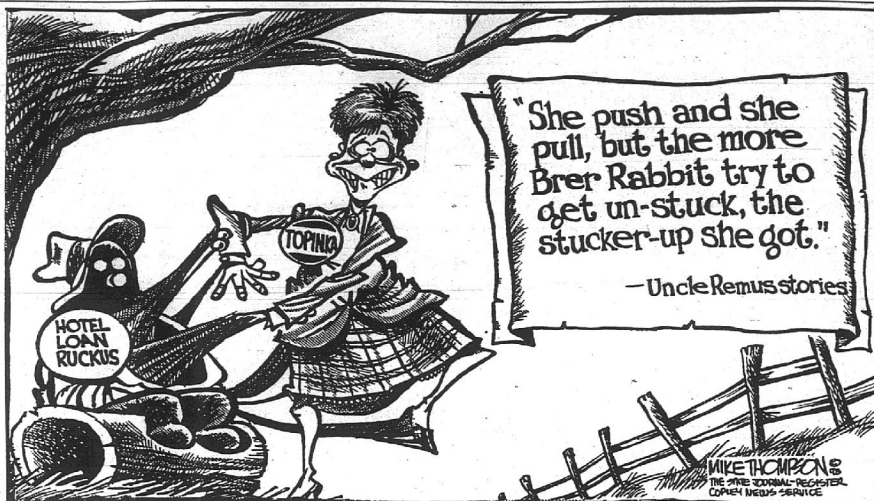
The Belle will display posters and provide brochures that direct patrons to a toll-free hot line on counseling services. Operation Bet-Smart is endorsed by the Missouri Gaming Commission and Belle officials elected to climb on board because Illinois still does not have a similar program.

Illinois gaming officials are working on implementing a program, and it's unfortunate that they have allowed themselves to be outdistanced by Missouri despite Illinois' big head start in the floating casino business.

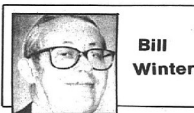
Our own state gaming commission seems to prefer the typical Illinois approach of squandering lots of money on studies and assessments before taking the already obvious steps those studies will identify.

Casino employees have demonstrated that they are eager to see a compulsive gambling program in place.

We hope state gaming officials will recognize their obligation to speed up the process of providing what's needed.



Memphis proud to claim Elvis



Bill Winter

leading recording artist before and since his death in 1977.

Big crowds tour his home, which is operated like a museum to accommodate the singer actor's millions of fans.

Visitors will increase with the approach of mid-August. This Aug. 16 will mark the 18th anniversary of his sudden death in Graceland at the age of 42.

The "king of rock and roll" is credited with changing music forever, as attested to by his huge Hall of Gold (and Platinum) Records.

Tourists see the main floor and basement of the residence. 22 of his automobiles and two of his airplanes, not to mention visiting gift shops, restaurants and a Graceland post office.

All are located, as you might guess, on Elvis Presley Boulevard. The planes are the Lisa Marie Jet, named for his daughter, now the wife of Michael Jackson, and the Hound Dog II Jet Star.

Also shown are an array of awards and plaques, personal mementos, stage costumes, jewelry and photographs. In the Meditation Garden at Graceland are the graves of Elvis, his parents and his grandmother.

Graceland literature accurately says that "whether you are an avid Elvis fan or just a curious traveler, you will leave Graceland with a new appreciation for a man the world will always remember."

A 20-minute film shown to the public traces his rags-to-riches career and spotlights the period when many radio stations, among them KWK in St. Louis, were literally breaking his records in the belief that he was a bad influence on young people.

Dozens of books, including one published this spring, tell of his character faults: promiscuity and a worsening prescription-drug addiction that doctors now say shortened his life.

While kind, generous, spiritual and fun-loving at times, he was said to have a violent temper and to fire guns recklessly.

In the final months of his concert tours, all attracting capacity audiences, he often had trouble remembering or enunciating his words. He became extremely overweight. But his voice retained its purity and range until the end.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal commented that "had it not been for Elvis, there might not have been the Beatles, the stage might never have seen a show like 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' there might never have been a Nashville sound. Millions of bobby-soxer fantasies might have been denied. There would not have been the years of pilgrimages from all over the world to a shrine on a Whitehaven hill called Graceland."

"Memphis always saw Elvis as a son, a boy-made-good in the tough world of entertainment, a success that defied convention."

"He came out of a mold that the youth of the 1950s comprehended. He communicated. He gave dignity and respect to the girl or boy who was frightened of growing up, unsure of being loved, afraid of acting natural."

Elvis was clutched to hearts in the same way as Valentino, Gable, Sinatra. He was Andy Hardy with slick black hair. Al Jolson, Bing Crosby, Gene Autry without need of a horse."

"He had a trusting, fervently loyal audience. He could not escape the isolation forced on a cult figure, but he rejected total immersion in the world of Hollywood, Las Vegas and tinsel-wealth."

"Memphis was proud to have him claim it as home."

Letters to the editor

Passersby show kindness

TO THE EDITOR:

There are kind and caring people in this world.

While shopping at a local store, I came out to the parking lot to find my rear tire flat. As I stood there, a fellow came up and said, "I will help you change the tire." Unable to find all of my tools to jack up the car, I had to refuse his help.

Later, upon finding all the tools, I was attempting to jack up the car when another fellow came up and said, "Let me do for you." He placed the jack under the car and jacked it up high enough to take off the wheel, then he had to leave.

It was in trying to loosen the lug nuts, a young fellow came by and asked if he could help. By the time he had the wheel off and the spare on, it started to rain and we were both soaked.

To these three fellows, I want to express my heartfelt thanks from the bottom of my heart. Thank you very much.

RUDY HOFFEK
Granite City

Base backers get a thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who worked so hard to save the Price Army Support Center in Granite City and to keep Scott Air Force Base in

Belleville open.

We received the strong support of many groups, organizations and individuals throughout the area. In particular, I would like to thank Madison County Board Chairman Nellie Hagauer, St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricovic, the mayors in Madison and St. Clair counties, the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and the Regional Commerce and Growth Association.

In addition, I would like to thank the employees at the Price Center and Scott Air Force Base for their support and the excellent work they do every day in service to our government and our great nation.

As we move forward, we must continue to work together to strengthen the Price Center and Scott for the future.

JERRY E. COSTELLO
Member of Congress

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Staff writer

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Burning down the house: Firefighters train on old home

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Saturday was a nice day to burn down a house. Not too warm, not too cold, just enough rain to keep nearby fields from igniting, and a few blackberries for snacks.

And for the about 45 firefighters from six local departments, it was also a chance to learn or work on some skills.

The firefighters were from Granite City, Venice, Madison, Long Lake, Mitchell, and the Charles Melvin Price Support Center. The training was sponsored by the Granite City Fire Department.

The house, on Old Alton Road about one mile from the Knights of Columbus Hall, was used to teach firefighters the proper techniques of such things as working in smoke-filled rooms, ladder use, ventilating a roof, and clearing doors and windows.

After they were done, the house was burned to the ground. "The owner approached the mayor and asked if we wanted to burn a house," Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley said.

The owner, George Willaredt, had recently purchased the property. "We originally set this up for September or October because of heat, but the owner contacted the mayor again and said he wanted it burned quickly," Talley said.

However, Willaredt was hoping they could save the blackberry bushes, planted about 10 feet away from the

house. Leroy Schaefer, who grew up in the house, was there to see it burn down.

He said the house was well over 100 years old.

"It's a big production," he said, watching the firefighters around him. "It's good training for the fire department. But it's going to be kind of sad because I've lived here all of my life."

When the burn was set up, Talley said he was concerned they would have to cut training short because of the heat.

"Extreme cold or heat is tough on firefighters," he said. "We're not any tougher than the normal human being, we have to take these things into consideration."

"Last Saturday we would have been in trouble," he said.

Talley said training like this is important, and hard to pass up. "You can never get too much training," he said. "The reason this training is important is because you don't find a house every day that you can burn."

The practice was to begin at about 8 a.m.

By 9 a.m., firefighters had been briefed on safety procedures, and were starting to lay down hose.

Granite firefighters were preparing to use a smoke machine, but had to wait until an adapter plug could be found.

In the meantime, others went onto the roof and practiced cutting with axes and chainsaws. Because the roof was so steep, firefighters had to use a ladder for traction.

Paul Hitchcock, a probationary firefighter from Long Lake for the past seven months, said that kind of training was good for him.

"It's good hands on training," he said after practicing his skills with an ax. "When you get to a real fire you never know what you're going to be dealing with."

He also said working on the roof was tiring. "I don't know if you'd call it fun, but it's got to be done," he said. "It doesn't look as bad until you get up there. From up there it looks like it's straight down."

Tanya Boushard, an other Long Lake probationary firefighter, spent time practicing clearing glass from a window.

"I'm a little too short," she said after breaking some windows and tugging out the frames. "They all look way up there. You just have to deal with what you have."

She said the trick was not to



Firefighters pose in front of the training house. Men and women from six departments from Granite City, Venice, Madison, Long Lake, Mitchell, and the Charles Melvin Price

Support Center took part in the exercise sponsored by the Granite City Fire Department. The home's owner gave it to the city to be burned.



Venice firefighters Steve Thomas, left, and Greg Kanata watch a demonstration of how to cut ventilation holes in a roof to clear smoke.

be shy, but get in there and "do what you have to do."

Shortly after 10 a.m., the firefighters start working inside the building.

They worked in three stages: preparing to go in, backing up the group working in the fire room, and then going in themselves.

Occasionally, a firefighter would stop to look for a ripe blackberry.

John Miller of the GCFFD helped coordinate the training program, and said it gave firefighters a chance to see how fire develops.

"Inside, they're actually getting to experience fire behavior, which is how fire starts, the pattern in which fire burns, how it comes across the wall and up the ceiling and then banks down," he said. "Very, very few firefighters actually

get to experience fire from its inception and beginning.

"Most of the time you pull up and it's blowing out the window, and it's already done what we're trying to see today," he said.

He said it is important for firefighters to know how fire behaves, both to fight it and for their own safety.

Miller also said he was very pleased with the turnout. "We were so afraid it was going to be miserably hot," he said.

Instead, brief periods of heat rotated with increasingly heavy cloud cover.

Because of winds, Talley said he was concerned about a nearby wheat field, but heavy rains put a damper on that problem.

At about 11:45, heavy rains started, forcing firefighters to seek shelter.

Then the house was lit up, and within a few minutes flames were pouring out the windows and through the roof.

Occasionally a team of firefighters would spray water in an attempt to protect trees and



A firefighter leans out a window to take in fresh air while waiting to put out the practice fire.

blackberry bushes, and after the fire started burning well they all stood in front of it for a group picture.

The fire continued until about 3 p.m., and smoldered through much of the next day.

Talley, who was extremely pleased with the exercise, said they were able to save the blackberry bushes.



Firefighter Steve Clayton of the Army Depot chops ventilation holes in the roof during the exercise.



Long Lake probationary firefighter Tanya Boushard clears glass from a window in preparation for the exercise.



Above, Mitchell Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Lionel Dockery starts a fan to clear smoke. At right, firefighters from the Mitchell Fire Protection District spray trees around the 100-year-old house with a mist to keep them from catching fire. They were able to save owner George Willaredt's blackberry bushes that grew ten feet from the house. Blackberries provided a quick snack during the day's practice. The house was burned to the ground.



Mitchell Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Lionel Dockery (right) shows Jerry Morgan and Dave Clay how to hook up their breathing equipment.



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Filing deadline nears for flood victims' claims

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are braced for a "last-minute rush" of claims from flood victims at the deadline to file draws near.

Saturday is the last day that residents affected by the flooding in May can apply for assistance by phone or seek loan application assistance at two area sites.

"The plan is for everything to close up," said Linda Miller of

FEMA. "After Saturday, that's it."

Until 6 p.m. Saturday, flood-affected residents can continue to file claims by phone or in person at the Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizen Center, 6755 State St., East St. Louis. The center will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday.

The number of the toll-free tele-registration line is 1 (800) 462-9029 or 1 (800) 462-7585 for the speech and hearing impaired. The registration line is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday.

Residents who have picked up but have not yet filed applicant forms from the Small Business Administration also have until

Saturday to get assistance filling them out if they need it. SBA workshops have been established at the Caseyville Fire Department, 321 S. Main St., and at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. The phone number in Caseyville is 344-6703.

Both sites will remain open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday.

While all of these services will end Saturday, Miller said one service has been extended indefinitely. The toll-free help line, available only to those who have already filed claims, remains available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The number is 1 (800) 525-0321.

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Deficit budget adopted

By Bob State
Staff writer

The Granite City Council adopted a deficit budget with little opposition Tuesday night.

The council voted 9-3 to adopt an appropriation ordinance that authorizes general fund expenditures of \$14,538,867 and capital improvement expenditures of \$2,167,836.

The numbers in the ordinance were based on a budget that projects \$14,054,671 in general fund revenue, which would result in a deficit projected at \$484,296.

Ward 2 Alderman Craig Tarpoff offered the only alternative to the budget, proposing four separate amendments, three of which died for lack of a second.

The fourth — to remove the creation of an assistant fire chief position — garnered a second and prompted some lively debate. The amendment would have saved \$38,000, Tarpoff said, but it failed to pass by a wide margin.

Firefighter Jim Brawley is expected to be appointed to the assistant chief post next week. The city has not had an assistant fire chief since Bob Bell retired in 1991.

"I've got a ton of work to do in that office ... some of which is not getting done," Fire Chief Keith Talley told the aldermen.

Alderman Eddie Asadorian said the position should have been filled two years ago when Talley first asked for it.

"Our chief feels he needs an assistant. Let's give him an assistant," Asadorian said.

But some aldermen asked why shift commanders and other personnel could not perform the jobs Talley needs done.

Talley said only he and secretary Lynda Cowley perform administrative duties at the fire station.

"You walk into the police station and there's 15 people behind desks performing administrative work," Talley said.

"The police chief gets \$100,000 for office support and the fire chief gets \$200,000."

Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said mandatory crime reporting, investigations and typing are jobs Talley doesn't have to perform.

"I don't think you can look at the police department and the way it does business and compare it with the way the fire department does business," Ruebhausen said.

"I don't think that Chief Crowley has been enough with the operations of the police department to make a comparison."

Voting to cut the new position were Tarpoff and aldermen Bob Shipley and Bob Cook.

Kustra pledges help

GODFREY — Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra pledged Tuesday to provide more state support to hunt and lure businesses to Madison County.

"We'll make the state's marketing specialists available to you in southwest Illinois to help find business prospects and new jobs," Kustra told a gathering of economic leaders at Lewis and Clark Community College.

Kustra met in a round-table discussion with 30 members of the Southwestern Illinois Economic Development Network in the college's Advanced Technology Center.

River Bend Growth Association President Jim Bowman asked Kustra for more help from the state's Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to promote economic development.

"Can you help the flow of statistics on business prospects from DCCA to us in southwest Illinois?" Bowman asked.

Kustra promised to make the commerce department's marketing staff available.

The department has been strapped by severe budget cuts, Kustra said. "Our marketing specialists in DCCA have been cut from 37 to 12."

Township postpones decision on energy plant

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Nameoki Township Board of Trustees voted 3-1 Monday to table a resolution dealing with the proposed \$75 million trash-to-energy plant in Madison.

Supervisor Ken Davis was the only board member to vote against tabling the matter.

After the vote, board members were criticized by one of the opponents, who accused them of "copping out," and shirking their obligations.

At its last meeting, the board had authorized attorney Irv Slate to draw up a resolution opposing the development after plan opponents asked for help.

At Monday's meeting, Madison City Attorney Casper Nighossian, developer Michael Vrtis and opponent Kathy Andria had all asked for time to address the board.

During his presentation, Nighossian said the proposed development would increase the assessed value of Nameoki Township by at least 28 percent.

He said the increase in Madison's assessed valuation — and the taxes generated by the increase — would be at least 113 percent and could be as high as 170 percent.

"This project is very important to the city of Madison," he said.

He noted that most of the surrounding area was industrial. Nighossian also said much

of the opposition to the plant was based on "hysteria."

The township board should wait until after the hearings before deciding what to do, he said.

"The process is allowed to give everybody a chance to present their side, pro and con," he said. "We ask that you, like everybody else, wait."

To jump out and make a decision tonight, means that you don't care (about the facts)," he said. "Don't do it because someone is saying the sky is falling, the dam is breaking, or there is a wolf outside."

He said that although the project is important to the city, if officials believe it would be bad for the health and welfare of residents, they would vote against it.

Vrtis spoke briefly, saying the thing and other environmental hearings would stop the project if it endangered the health, safety and welfare of surrounding residents.

He also said the project would benefit the environment, because regulations require that if the plant produce any emissions, the company must pay to reduce the same amount of emissions somewhere else.

Andria spoke last. During his presentation, Vrtis shook his head in disgust.

She said Cloverleaf residents "have been lied to, promised things that were never delivered, yelled and screamed

at, threatened, bullied, frightened — and attempts have been made to divide and pit them against each other."

Andria said some residents had been asked to attend a meeting with Vrtis at the township hall last week to talk about buyouts, and others had heard about the meeting and "crashed it."

"It was represented that they all wanted buyout," she said. "That's simply not true."

"Most of the residents of Cloverleaf simply do not want the incinerator to locate in their community for the sake of the health of their children and the community," she said.

Vrtis had said last week that he did not plan any buyouts, and that the meeting was to discuss possible benefits, such as severance, to the residents.

Andria also said the project would be financed with tax-free bonds, meaning the citizens throughout the state would have to pay for the interest.

"It's not that any of us object to the resolution," Trustee Harold "Gene" Briggs said. "It's to everybody's advantage to hear sworn testimony."

After more discussion, Trustee Edgar Patrick motioned and Briggs seconded tabling the resolution until after the hearings.



Sitting hearing officer Charles King, an Edwardsville attorney, explains the rules to two potential questioners during Madison's hearing on the proposed plant.

City to reconsider energy plant

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Granite City Council has decided to withhold judgment on a controversial energy plant development plan in Madison until all the facts can be reviewed.

By voice vote July 18, the City Council had decided to send a letter opposing the development.

But Madison City Attorney Casper Nighossian on Tuesday convinced the majority of the aldermen to reconsider their position, at least until a public hearing on the matter is complete and the hearing transcripts can be reviewed.

"This means a lot to the city of Madison," Nighossian said. "A \$60 million to \$100 million plant may not mean a lot to the city of Granite City right now.

But to the neighboring communities it means a lot."

The plant will mean an increase of 100 percent to 182 percent in the assessed valuation of the city of Madison, Nighossian said.

The council voted 8-4 to reconsider its opposition to the development. Mayor Ron Selph said the matter would be taken up again when the facts are available.

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Obituaries



Phillip Stout

Phillip R. Stout, 85, of Granite City died at 5 p.m. July 25, 1995, at Good Shepherd Home in Milton. He was born Dec. 14, 1909, in Granite City.

Stout was employed as a painter by Union Starch and Refining Co. and Stout Sign Painting Co., both in GC. He retired in 1971. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Granite City and of the painters local in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita (French) Stout of Granite City; one daughter, Phyllis Weiss of Glen Carbon; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Grace (Smith) Stout, and his brother, Earl Stout.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 28, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road.

Services, officiated by the Rev. San Leonard, will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested to the Animal Protective Association.

Dorothy Scarlett

Dorothy Scarlett, 73, of Granite City died at 4:48 p.m. Monday, July 24, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born June 8, 1922, in West Frankfort.

She retired in 1962 after more than 25 years at the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad.

Survivors include one sister, Melva Utley of Henderson, Ky.; one brother, Randal Scarlett of Springfield Mo.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ellen (Willis) Scarlett and one brother, Robert Scarlett.

Services were today at 1 p.m. at Mercer Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials are requested to the American Heart Association.

Services were today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. William Davis officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested to the American Cancer Society or to the Shriner's Hospital.

Services were today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road with burial at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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Medical Center. She was born Dec. 25, 1923, in Glen Carbon. She was a member of the St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church and secretary for Tri-City Ducks Unlimited for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Zedolek; one son, Tony Zedolek; one daughter, Deborah Gray of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ellen (Chritchley) Haywood; and one brother, Charles Haywood.

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Urban fishing offered

By Mike Viola
Staff writer

An urban fishing program is being offered at Frank Holten State Park this summer to educate area residents about ways to enjoy fishing.

The program was started last summer by the Illinois Department of Conservation and is offered free of charge.

"Anyone from the entire area can come and take part. You don't have to be from East St. Louis or Centerville," said James Moton, clinic instructor.

The program is set up in two phases with hands-on instruction by Moton followed by actual fishing at a supervised fishing trip.

The clinic, which runs about three hours, covers subjects such as fishing ethics, aquatic ecology and fishing techniques.

After the clinic, participants spend about an hour on the lakes for a supervised fishing trip.

Moton said the program can be beneficial for anyone but that children and senior citizens tend to be most of the participants.

"We actually have quite a few grandparents that bring their grandchildren to this," Moton said.

The clinic is held at the new shelter adjacent to the lake and two clinics are held every day, Monday through Friday.

The morning session is held from 9 a.m. to noon with the afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested in registering for a fishing clinic should contact Frank Holten State Park at 874-7920.

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Allegation

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"If evidence has even the slightest credibility I'm going to the state's attorney," he said. Madison City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian said the only monetary agreement with Vrtis was the ordinance passed by the city to allow it to be reimbursed for hearing expenses, which must be paid by the developer.

He accused Andria of a "constant attempt to mislead." "You either have something or you don't," Nighoghossian said. "If you don't, have it shut your mouth."

Vrtis' attorney John Papa also said it was very serious, and that she was "inferring that my client broke the law."

Both attorneys also requested to be present in Andria gave any statement to King, which prompted Andria to say she would not meet with King.

Testimony

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Proponents were expected to begin again in the morning and finish their testimony that morning. Then opponents would testify.

Madison City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian said he expected the hearing to conclude by late Wednesday.

Part of the reason for the length of testimony was the liberal interpretation of hearing rules by hearing officer Charles King, an Edwardsville attorney, to allow exhaustive questions.

Although the ordinance authorizing the hearing said only written questions would be allowed, King, Madison City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian, and Vrtis' attorney John Papa agreed to allow verbal questioning by opponents.

However, they would have the same right the next day. The hearing began at 9 a.m., with about one hour of instruction by King, and objections to procedures by plant opponents.

All of the objections from opponents came from Kathy Andria of St. Polishing Illinois, and Jim Benesman from the Palisades Chapter of the Sierra Club.

They objected to the written question format, saying it was unfair to opponents.

After discussion on that and other objections, Papa called Vrtis to the stand.

Vrtis, of Metro East LLC, a subsidiary of the Connecticut-based firm STV LLC, was on the stand from about 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a break before Andria's questions and another for lunch.

After Vrtis, other expert witnesses took far less time testifying.

Fines

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empty and abandoned mobile homes have been moved out. Humes said the park would like to pull many of those mobile homes out, but they are tied up with the Secretary of State.

Later, the board heard complaints from a woman — identified by a trustee as Judy Towery — who was planning to move a new mobile home into the park Wednesday morning.

She said the park manager had told her that park attorneys had talked to the village attorney, and that there would be no problem with moving the mobile home in.

Jensen indicated that he had not been contacted, and Wilson and the trustees expressed surprise that the park management would say that.

He also said that if she moved the mobile home into the park and a business license was not issued, she would not be able to occupy the mobile home.

Towery also said that a friend who lived in a nearby mobile home had talked to village officials who had said it would be allowed.

At the meeting, trustees said they were sympathetic, but there was nothing they could do or advise her to do.

"The problem is there is no easy way out," Macek said. After several minutes of debate, the board adjourned, and Towery left the meeting in tears, saying that the trustees were not willing to do anything for her.

Cable

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Learning Channel, the Sci-Fi Channel and the Cartoon Network. The preview ends next Wednesday. During the preview, regular pay-per-view programming will be pre-empted.

After viewing the channels on the company's pay-per-view Channel 22, customers can send in their three favorites on the ballot by Aug. 7.

The top two votegetters will be added to the basic cable service lineup later this year, Charter General Manager David Miller said.

The company currently offers 33 stations on its basic service. Charter has received from its customers, Miller said.

Miller said, "We're real excited about letting our customers choose what they want."

The six channels being previewed are based on recent requests Charter has received from its customers, Miller said.

Technological changes and additions have made the service expansion possible.

"Until now, limited space on the cable spectrum prohibited the addition of new channels," Miller said. "Charter has made technical improvements and performed preventative maintenance that now allows us to utilize additional spectrum space for new channels."

Colonades Nursing Home, Granite City. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Park, Fairview Heights. Memorials to the Alzheimers Foundation suggested.

LIPE, Lucille E. (Gloftely), 75, of Granite City died Thursday, July 20, 1995, at Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. Graveside services and burial were Saturday in Pleasant Grove Memorial Cemetery, Murphysboro. Arrangements by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Memorials to the Alzheimers Association in care of Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, Ill., 62940.

METZ, Anne (Mooshegan), 68, died at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at her Granite City home. Services were Wednesday at Niederrhagen United Methodist Church, Burr Oak, followed at the Sunset Hills Memorial Estates.

SPURLING, Ross W. Jr., 73, of Granite City, formerly of

Mount Vernon, died Thursday, June 20, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Graveside services and burial were Sunday in Belle River, Fla. Arrangements by Hughey Funeral Home.

STOVALL, Kenneth P. Sr., 76, of Pontoon Beach died at 1:40 a.m. Friday, July 21, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Memorials to the Alzheimers Association in care of Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, Ill., 62940. Please send donor's complete name and address.

TERNAPROVICH, Pauline (Jackymack), 82, died Saturday, July 23, at the Castle Haven Health Care Center in Swansea. Services were Wednesday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville. Memorials are requested to the American Cancer Society.

Services were today, Thursday, at 1 p.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road with burial at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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FAMILY

Finke-
Scrum

Sherri Lee Scrum and John Patrick Finke were married Nov. 18, 1994, at First Assembly of God Church in Granite City by the Rev. Dale Edwards.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Dink Scrum of Granite City.

A graduate of Granite City High School North, she is employed with Equitable Insurance Co. in Clayton, Mo., as an administrative assistant.

The groom is the son of Robert and Sharon Finke of Granite City.

He is a graduate of St. Louis University with a degree in finance.

Shenna Lee Scrum, daughter of the couple, and Tina L. Rotter, both of Granite City, were the maids of honor.

The bridesmaids were Christine Snell of Glen Carbon, sister of the groom, and Karen Rotter and Judy Russell, both of Granite City.

Robert Finke Sr. of Granite City, father of the groom, was the best man.

The groomsmen were David Finke of Madison and Robert Finke Jr. of Glen Carbon, both brothers of the groom; Tim Snell of Glen Carbon, brother-in-law of the groom; and Phillip Stewart of Granite City, cousin of the bride.



John and Sherri Finke

The flower girl was Daniella Allen and the ringbearer was Kyle Snell, the couple's god son. The ushers were Larry Sorcinson of Waterloo and Bob Kibler of Madison.

A reception was held at the AMVETS Hall in Madison.

Following a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Granite City.

Bowman-
Dickerson

Tina Jo Dickerson and Alan Michael Bowman were married March 25, 1995, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Fred Boatright.

The bride is the daughter of James and Barbara Dickerson of Granite City. She graduated from Granite City High School and is employed with A.C. Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis as a support representative.

The groom is the son of Tom Sommer and Phyllis Sommer of St. Clair, Mo.

He is a graduate of National Louis University and is employed with A.C. Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis as a margin clerk.

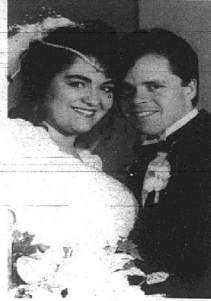
Kim Williams of Collinsville and Rebecca Ray of Howie in the Hills, Fla., served as the maids of honor.

The bridesmaids were Pam Hankins of Granite City and Ellen and Elizabeth Sommer of St. Clair, Mo., both are sisters of the groom.

Joe Dumont of St. Louis was the best man.

The groomsmen were Scott Ray of Howie in the Hills, A.J. Shankle of Belleville and Ed Barrett of St. Louis.

The flower girl was Whitney Glasgow. The ringbearer was Spencer Birkenr, nephew of the bride.

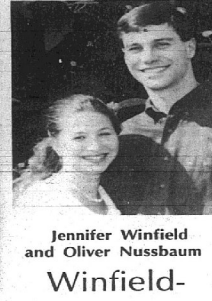


Alan and Tina Bowman

The Bible bearer was Ross Birkenr, nephew of the bride.

The ushers were Larry Birkenr of Granite City, brother-in-law of the bride, and Wally Bowman of Eureka, Mo., uncle of the groom.

A reception was held at the AMVETS Hall in Madison. Following a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple moved to Collinsville.



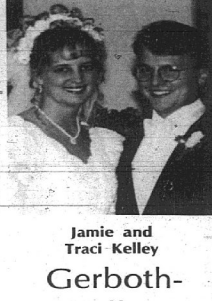
Jennifer Winfield and Oliver Nussbaum

Jennifer Lynn Winfield, daughter of Doug and Cheryl Winfield of Granite City, and Oliver Rene Nussbaum, son of Rene and Margret Nussbaum of St. Louis, have announced their engagement.

Winfield, of Granite City, is a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School and currently attends Forest Park Community College. She is employed with Petrullo Consultants in Creve Coeur, Mo., as a nanny.

Nussbaum, a 1989 graduate of Clayton High School and a 1994 graduate of Northeast Missouri State University with a business degree, is employed with MCI in St. Louis as a collections representative.

A Sept. 2 wedding at Nameoki Methodist Church in Granite City is being planned.



Jamie and Traci Kelley

Traci Lynn Gerboth and Jamie Lee Kelley were married April 1, 1995, at South Telegraph Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Norma Gerboth of Arnold, Mo. She is a 1990 graduate of Fox High School in Arnold and is employed with Sample Brothers in Fenton, Mo., as a sales representative.

The groom is the son of David Kelley of Hermann, Mo., Linda Kelley of Granite City and Mike Bauman of Cottage Hill, and the grandson of Will Stack of Dover, Tenn., and Marie Kelley of Mount Olive, both formerly of Granite City, and Ollie and Venita Bauman of Granite City.

He is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1993 graduate of ITT in Earth City, Mo. He is employed with Hilltop Equipment in Fenton as a mechanic.

Angie Wilson of Granite City was the maid of honor.

Scott Wilson of Granite City was the best man.

The flower girl was Aimee Moore, niece of the bride.

The usher was Ryan Kelley of Maryville, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the Holiday Inn in South County, Mo.

Following a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Arnold.

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By Rob Raph
Staff writer

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Sports

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Southern Region kickers roll to title

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The word "dynasty" comes to mind when considering the potential the Southern Region open women's soccer team has.

Southern hammered North Shore 4-0 in a physical championship game Sunday at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

IF THIS CURRENT team stays intact the next two or three years, they will never be beaten.

Sounds like a bold statement, doesn't it?

A quick glance at the statistics from four games in the Prairie State Games this past weekend proves this team is an

Prairie State Games

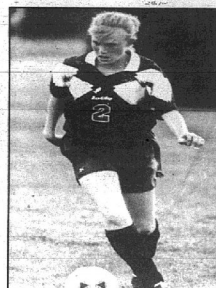
awesome machine.

Southern outscored its opponents 24-0. That's an average of six goals per game, and the team went 320 minutes without allowing a goal. Stephanie Kull of Granite City and Christi Miller of Collinsville shared the duties in the nets throughout the Games.

THE DEFENSIVE work of backs Allison Arnold (Edwardsville), Julie Goclan (Granite City), Jackie Herren (Collinsville), Beth Ann Rapoff (Granite City), Amanda Witter (Gran-



Kull Goclan Rapoff Witter
ite City) and Kelli Black (Collinsville) was brutal. The group minimized the number of shots Kull and Miller had to face. Trying to pin the success on one person is impossible. Everybody on the team is extremely talented. Even Southern coach Gene Briggs has to laugh when asked



Staci Dowdy
Southern forward

Scholastic women fall short in finale

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

If only the Southern Region scholastic women's soccer team could have finished.

Southern had plenty of opportunities to score against North Shore in the gold medal game of divisional play Sunday at the Prairie State Games.

BUT NO MATTER where the girls were in front of the goal, nobody was able to bury the ball into the back of the net. The end result was a 2-0 loss, but hard-earned silver medals.

"We knew coming in we had a problem finishing," Southern coach Eric Mitchell said. "We came into the championship game with confidence in our work ethic and the other things. The thing is we just couldn't finish. A lot of people didn't think we'd do as well as we did because we were so young, but we worked the girls to develop that work ethic."

Southern outplayed and outshot North Shore, which didn't have any substitutes. In one flurry in front of the net, Southern hit the post three times before the ball was cleared out by a defender.

Collinsville's Heather Jankinsky, Bethalto's Megan Aronson and Granite City's Staci Dowdy and Roxanne Simpson all had chances in the title game.

"NORTH SHORE got behind our defense to score," Mitchell said. "North Shore was a good team but they didn't have subs. I knew the team that scored first probably would win. If we would have scored first, they would have been dead without any subs."

Southern opened tournament play with a 1-0 victory over Blackhawk and followed with a 10-0 shutout over Windy City. Southern also received a forfeit victory before advancing to the finals.

"We really demolished Windy City and we played keep-away for a while," Mitchell said. "We thought it was a good game for the girls because they were scoring."

Despite giving up two goals in the championship game, Mitchell said the goalkeeping of Collinsville's Mary Silhuway and Granite City's Shannon Roth was outstanding.

"THE GOALKEEPING was excellent," he said. "They did very well. Mary showed a lot of leadership. Shannon showed a lot of athletic ability."

"All the girls played equally well. The girls were more like a team. They blended well. Nobody stood out and was dominating."

Other members of the scholastic girls team were Granite City's Amanda Nizinski, Kristen Knox, Kelley Williamson, Jen Spingard and Jennifer Williamson; Collinsville's Cheryl Briddell and Kelly Bruns; O'Fallon's Jennifer Hasselhorst, Shauna Johnson, Jessica Sultenic; Bethalto's Holly Houston; and Ritala Durbin of Highland.

Stellar junior year nets Markel All-State

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Nothing but the best is good enough for Granite City's Joe Markel.

Markel, 17, had a successful junior year playing tennis for GCIS. He finished second in the sectional, and won three matches at the state tournament this past spring.

His season was capped off recently when he was named to the honorable mention singles Illinois All-State tennis team.

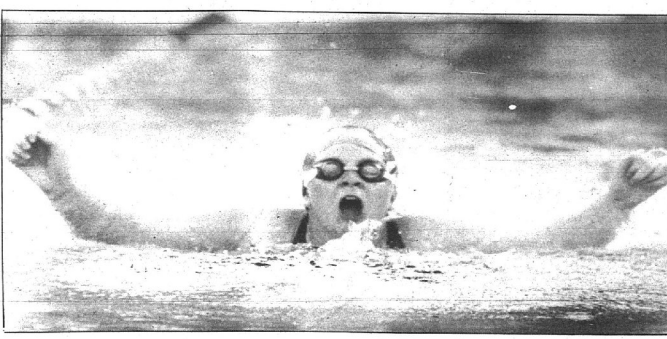
BUT NONE OF that is satisfaction enough for Markel. "I was a little surprised that I

was named to the team," he said. "I didn't play as well as I should have. I thought I should have won at least one more match in the main draw at state."

This year marked his third trip to state, and he has shown improvement each year. Last season as a junior, he was 1-1 in the main draw at state, and he won two more matches in the consolation round before being knocked out of contention.

"Next year, I expect to be one of the top 16 in the state," he said. "My goal is to place at state. Nothing less will do."

Markel lost in the sectional (See MARKEL, Page 3B)



Paddlers swimmer Karen Yehling won a gold medal in the 15-and-over 200 butterfly competition during the Prairie State Games last weekend.

Paddlers make dive for gold at Prairie State

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Paddlers Swim and Dive Club returned from the Prairie State Games with a pocket full of gold.

Paddlers athletes grabbed four medals — all gold — at the Games, which ended Sunday.

Three of the medals were taken by Paddlers divers, and one was won by a swimmer in competition at the Vandalia Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

WINNING TITLES in the 1-meter springboard competition were Casey Krinski, Steve Henderson and Laura Canada.

Krinski competed in the women's open diving and took home

a gold medal with a total of 145.45 points.

"There wasn't a whole lot of competition in my age group," Krinski said. "It was relatively easy for me. But it was a good experience, and a good tune-up for the SWISA meet this weekend. The facilities were not exactly optimum, but I'd do it again."

The poor diving conditions were echoed throughout the Paddlers' contingent.

"THE BOARD WASN'T that good at all," said Henderson, 13, who took the gold in the junior boys division with a score of 150.20. "It wasn't as springy as we're used to, but given the chance, I'd come back next year. It was fun."

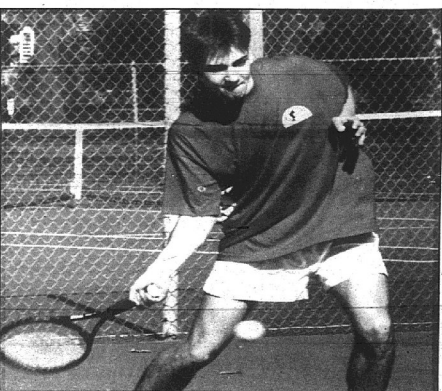
Canada, 12, won the junior

girls competition, but even she was not thrilled with the condition of the board at Vandalia.

"I didn't like the board at all," she said. "You couldn't get as high as you're used to, so you have to change your whole approach. It was still enjoyable, and I'd like to be back next year."

"I was teaching a swim class up there earlier this year," said Paddlers' dive coach Gary McCormick. "I told them then that they needed to get their board fixed. The kids shouldn't be subjected to something like that. It's very unfortunate."

The conditions were so poor that the board actually broke at one point. Thank goodness the girl tested it before she actually (See PADDLERS, Page 2B)



Joe Markel received honorable mention All-State honors this year after posting three wins at the Illinois state tennis tournament.

West Central wears down open men's squad

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Although the men's open team was the only Southern Region basketball team to not win a Prairie State Games medal Sunday, its effort was second to none.

With only five players dressed for the game, each Southern player ran the court for the full 40 minutes. But in the end their fatigue showed as West Central

sped to a 107-91 win in the open men's bronze medal game at Belleville Area College.

West Central, which finished second in pool competition, wasn't exactly stacked with reserve either, but it did have two subs to bring in to help wear down the outmanned Southern team.

WEST CENTRAL enjoyed a balanced scoring attack, led by Chad Altadonna's 20 points

along 19 each from David Cason and Bill Langheim. LeRoy Watkins added 14 points and nine rebounds.

"We're very satisfied with what we accomplished this weekend," said West Central coach Christian Rivara. "This was a great group of athletes that we beat today, and I give them credit for not giving up."

Rivara had his team push the ball up the court throughout, and it paid off as the Southern

team looked tired even before the first half was finished.

"That's the way we like to play it — up and down," said Altadonna. "It was a fun game to play, and it was a good weekend of basketball. I think we learned a lot, and we proved that we can play with these other teams."

THE SOUTHERN team, without stars like Richard Keene (See SOUTHERN, Page 2B)

Southern men's cagers defend scholastic title

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Southern Region scholastic men's basketball team continues to surpass the expectations of coach Dennis Rueter.

After a relatively unheralded Southern squad earned the gold medal in 1994, the Southern I team did it again in '95. After rolling through pool play with a 3-0 record, Rueter's players defeated West Central 108-84 in Sunday's championship game at SIU-Edwardsville.

"I DIDN'T KNOW if we had the talent, and I wasn't sure we would blend together," said Rueter, head boys basketball coach at Gibault High School. "But as practices went along, things started to flow."

Justin Toal (Gibault), Chris Thunell (O'Fallon) and Duane Goebel (Mater Dei) all played last year and Vincent Ford (Cahokia) did a good job of fitting in. The other guys came through as well.

Southern I started pool play on Friday with a 99-71 win over Pioneer, then defeated Wilcox 99-81 on the first of two games on Saturday. Southern clinched a berth in the title

game with a 120-96 victory over North Shore. Ford had a team-high 29 points, with Thunell, Goebel and Toal adding 25, 21 and 15, respectively.

"I didn't know what the level of competition would be, but I'm definitely surprised at where we are," Rueter said after the North Shore game. "We had 99 points in our first game and we played four eight-minute quarters (instead of two 20-minute halves) on Friday. We get the ball up and down the floor pretty well and we play unselfishly."

In the gold medal game, Ford (20 points) and Thunell (19 points) led a balanced Southern offense. Goebel added 16 points, Tom Wells (Highland) scored 15 and Toal added 10.

"JOSEPH IS MORE of a slasher and a defensive player. Goebel is a scorer, Vincent is pretty versatile and Chris is our big rebounder," Rueter said. "For a game like this, we took care of the ball fairly well. We also guarded people fairly well considering we had 10 guys who are doing it differently."

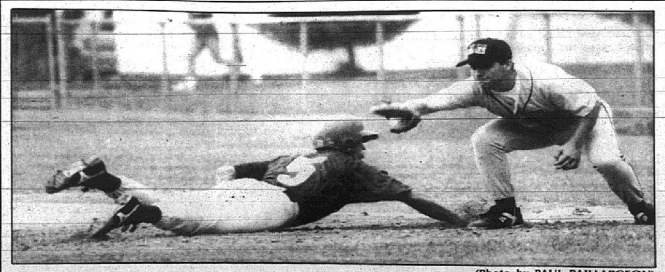
Southern's players weren't surprised with their performance (See CAGERS, Page 2B)

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East Alton.....	12	10	

Schedule			
Saturday, July 29			
Waterloo at Granite City			
Sunday, July 30			
Millstead at Valmeyer			
Waterloo at Belleville			
Granite City at O'Fallon			
East Alton at Edwardsville			



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

PSG champs — Granite City first baseman Mark Winfield keeps a baserunner close in Saturday's 9-2 win over Glen Ellyn in Prairie State Games action at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights. The Clippers defeated four straight opponents, including Waterloo in the finals, to win the gold medal in the first PSG baseball tournament.

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you just move them on and off the field. You're going to score goals and you're going to defend great. It was just a pleasure to watch them play.

"I don't know if I have ever been associated with a group as talented as this. I hope I get the pleasure again some time. They were easy to work with and they were great people."

Carmie Bechtold of Alton got things started for Southern with her goal with 23:52 remaining in the opening half. Bechtold, the NCAA Division II Female of the Year at Quincy College, tallied five goals during the tournament along with four assists to lead Southern in scoring.

Collinsville High graduate Jamie Casillas scored the first of her two goals in the finals. Casillas received a beautiful pass from the left and slid into the ball, knocking it past the North Shore goalie.

Casillas gave Southern a 3-0 lead when she chipped a shot over the goalkeeper's head. Casillas was about 18 yards out when she booked the goal.

Casillas missed an opportunity for the hat trick when the North Shore keeper came out to the net on Casillas' breakaway and was able to catch the ball as Casillas tried to chip it over.

Casillas wasn't disappointed in missing the hat trick. She finished with six goals scored in the tournament and was happy she won her first Prairie State Games gold medal.

"This is my first gold ever

out of seven years," said Casillas, who will be a senior at Lindenwood College this fall. "I have like four bronze and one silver. It feels great."

Casillas said because the team has so much talent, she was really hoping for that first gold this year.

"I had good feelings this year," she said. "We practiced and stuff. We looked good. We just jelled together so well. We played as a team and we all worked hard. At practices, we all gave everything."

Black scored Southern's final goal. She sent a knuckling direct kick from just outside the corner of the penalty box that floated through the outstretched arms of the North Shore keeper.

Collinsville High girls soccer coach Deana Wallace, who played at midfield, had good feelings about the team when it entered the tournament because the team took the time to practice together.

"We just worked really hard off the ball," Wallace said. "We created a lot of openings and were eager to score some goals."

Other members of the Southern team were: Caryn Chastent (Collinsville), Julie Dempsey (Granite City), Lyndia Stehlik (Stu-Edwardsville), Suzanne Stuart (Granite City), Becky Thompson (Collinsville), Kim Thompson (Collinsville), and Lori Williamson (Collinsville).

Southern

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and Tyrone Caswell, who played in earlier PSG games, received 28 points from Jason Holmes (SIUE) and 25 points from Jon Kraus (McKendree). Marcus Ewing added 16 points, Eujan Riddle 13 (10 points) and Ryan Luchtefeld 11 (nine boards).

"You can't say enough about the effort by this team," said Southern coach John Winters. "They faced the adverse conditions head-on and never quit."

Using 14 first-half points by Alton, West Central carried a 57-41 lead into halftime.

Cagers

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"We ran the fast break real well," Goebel said. "When we got down the floor, it seemed like we were in better shape than the other teams."

"If one person's game was off, the next person would pick them up," Thunell said. "We just play real well together. If they stopped us from the perimeter, we'd go inside. If they stopped us inside, we'd go outside."

Toal felt the real championship game may have been against North Shore.

Paddlers

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tried to dive. She could have been seriously injured. They knew it wasn't in the best shape, and certainly before a large event like this you have to respect the board. We had a lot of contestants come down from the Chicago area, and it's a shame that the conditions couldn't have been better."

McCormick added that originally, the Paddlers team wasn't going to participate in the Prairie State Games.

"I had to talk them into it," she said. "I think it was worth it; now they know they can compete with the northern

regions."

Also picking up a gold medal at the Games was Paddlers swimmer Karen Yelling, who took the women's 15-and-over 200 butterfly with a time of 3:10.25, some 49 seconds ahead of her nearest opponent.

"I wasn't surprised by how well she did," said Paddlers swim coach Celeste Furrman. "She's a really good swimmer, and she's put her time in. She was due for some gold, and it's a very deserving award."

"The last four or five winters, she's trained at a pool in Clayton (Mo.), and that's a very disciplined program, so she's earned her rewards."

Sports shorts

Tennis tournaments

The Granite City Park District will host an invitational tennis tournament sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association and Missouri Valley Tennis Association on Aug. 11-13 at the Wilson Park Courts.

Registration is currently underway at the Wilson Park office.

Play will be limited to three events. Singles fees are \$10 per player, per event. Doubles fees are \$10 per team, per event. Tennis balls will be furnished.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of each event. There must be four entries in each event or it will be canceled. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Aug. 9. All entry fees must be in with the entry blank before the deadline. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

Boys and girls ages 12-18 will begin singles play on Friday, Aug. 11; and all doubles matches as well as men's and women's singles will begin on Saturday, Aug. 12.

The Park District will also hold a tennis tournament at the Granite City Park District residents only on July 31, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2. The cost of this tournament is \$3 per person, per event.

Registration for this tournament is also underway at the Park Office until the day of the tournament or at the tennis courts. Play will begin for youth at 9 a.m. July 31. Raffi Karbian is the director of this tournament.

GCBS football practice Granite City High School football coach Don Harris has announced the times and dates for athletes who plan on trying out for the Warrior football team this fall.

Football equipment will be issued Monday, Aug. 7 in the main gym at the high school. Varsity players should be at the gym by 9 a.m. Sophomores should be there by 10 a.m., and freshmen must be at the gym by 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, there will be a team meeting in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. All players should attend, and parents are invited to attend as well.

Then, two-day practices begin Wednesday, Aug. 9. Players must have a physical exam within the last year, and a parental permission form signed and on file.

Waterfowl blind drawing Drawing for Waterfowl Blind Sites at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County will be held Sunday, Aug. 6. The drawings will secure the sites for a period of one year.

To register for the drawing, one must be at least 16 years of age, and possess a current or

preceding year's Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp and a current or expired (within 12 months prior) Firearm Owner's Identification Card (unless exempted by law). A person holding a valid Firearm Owner's Card must have a valid hunting license or waterfowl stamp must have a valid Firearm Owner's Card.

Persons who are under the age of 21 who do not have a Firearm Owner's Card must be accompanied by an adult who has such card in his or her possession at the time of the drawing. Applicants must be present for the registration and drawing to be eligible for allocation of the blind sites.

Registration will start at 10 a.m. and go through 1 p.m., and the drawing will be held immediately following the registration. Blinds may be registered later in the month by mail.

State Select Team tryouts The Illinois State Select Soccer team, the first step in the national youth development program, is interested in Illinois residents born in 1978 through 1992 who would be interested in playing for the Southern District in Illinois.

Exceptionally gifted soccer players are evaluated at several tryout sites across the state for selection to a district team. From the district team, a state pool of players is identified from which the Illinois State Select Team players are selected to represent the state at the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region Camp.

Olympic development Program is a national process started in 1977 for identifying and developing the best youth soccer players for advancement to regional and national teams. National teams represent the United States in international competitions.

The tryouts will be held at Van Fossen Field in Collinsville. For more information about times and dates, or any other questions, interested girls can call Carol Walker at 618-962-1033; while interested boys can call Sue Campbell at 618-962-8385.

Elks '83 boys and girls tryouts The Granite City Elks 1983 boys and girls tryouts will be held for boys born after Aug. 1, 1982.

Tryouts will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Elks Sports Complex, located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City.

Tryouts will also be held for girls born after Aug. 1, 1982, at the sports complex at the Granite City Campus of EAC. The girls tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 27; and 9 a.m. Saturday, July 29.

For more information on the '83 boys team, call 797-2536. For information about the '83 girls team, call 503-0114.

Elks '84 boys and girls

The Granite City Elks under-12 boys soccer team will hold open tryouts for boys born after Aug. 1, 1983. The tryouts will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Also, the Elks under-12 girls team will hold tryouts, for girls born after Aug. 1, 1983. These tryouts will be held 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 29.

Both tryouts will be held at the Granite City Elks Sports Complex, located at the Belleville Area College campus on Maryville Road in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes early and wear white shirts and shin guards. Players must also bring a size 4 soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. A small, passport-type photo may also be required.

For more information on the boys under-12 team, call 931-3506. For information on the girls under-12 team, call 451-1536.

Elks '85 boys tryouts The Granite City Elks under-11 boys soccer team will hold open tryouts for the 1995-96 competitive travel season. Boys wishing to tryout must be born after Aug. 1, 1984.

Tryouts will be held at Coolidge Junior High School in Granite City from 9-11:30 a.m. July 27.

Players should wear shin guards and bring a size 4 soccer ball and drinking water. New players must bring a nonreturnable copy of their birth certificate with their social security number noted on it.

For more information, call 877-5586.

Elks U-11 tryouts

The Granite City Elks U-11 boys soccer team will hold tryouts for boys born after Aug. 1, 1984 from 9-11:30 a.m. July 27 at Coolidge Junior High School.

Players should wear shin guards and bring a size 4 soccer ball and drinking water. New players must bring a nonreturnable copy of their birth certificate with their social security number noted on it.

For more information, call 877-5586.

United '85 boys tryouts

The Collinsville United '85 boys will be having tryouts for the upcoming fall season. All boys born between August 1, 1984 and December 31, 1985 may try out.

All players should bring shin guards and a size 4 soccer ball. Tryouts will be held 2:43-3 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

The tryouts will be held at Van Fossen Fields on Collinsville Lake Road in Collinsville. All players trying out must make at least two of the above dates. Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate,

social security number and a small passport-type photo.

For more information, call 344-7599 or 667-4136.

United under-13 tryouts

The Collinsville United girls' under-13 soccer team, for girls born from August 1, 1982 through July 31, 1983, will hold open tryouts for the 1995-96 season.

The tryouts will be held at the Van Fossen Soccer complex on McDonough Lake Road in Collinsville on 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

Candidates should bring shin guards, a No. 5 soccer ball and drinking water. Non-returning players must bring a non-returnable copy of their birth certificate and a small passport-type photo.

For more information, and to confirm attendance, call 289-6285 or 289-5868.

Slobo camp

The 1995 Slobo Youth Soccer Camp will be held July 31-Aug. 4 at Worthen Park.

The five-day camp, open to boys and girls players, will be held 9-11 a.m. each day. Instruction will be provided for both field players and goalkeepers. The camp fee is \$50 and includes a hand-stitched Puma soccer ball, a \$30 value, along with a camp T-shirt and photo.

For more information, call (314) 227-3036.

Gus Macker registration

Registration forms are now available at the Collinsville Area Recreation District for the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The tournament is slated for Sept. 2-3 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. The fee is \$80 per team and teams must have four players. For more information, call 346-7529.

Golf Classic scheduled

The Granite City area YMCA will hold its 13th annual Golf Classic on Saturday, Aug. 26, 1995, at the Legacy Golf Course in Granite City. Proceeds for the tournament support area YMCA youth programs.

The Classic will be a 4-person flighted scramble event, with tee times beginning at 10 a.m. The tournament will be 18 holes of golf, with cart included. A steak dinner will follow, and the fee for golf, refreshments and the dinner is \$80.

Reservations are limited, but those made before August 12 will be eligible for a special attending rate. Early registrants will be given preference for requested tee times.

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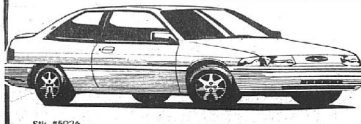


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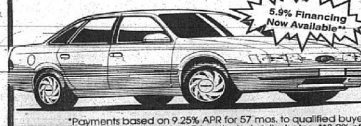
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•Markel

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last spring to Belleville West's Scott Guetterman, who was also named to the honorable mention team.

"It was the only good match I had all year," Markel said of his sectional match with Guetterman. "I don't think I played as well as I could have in the sectional. I played better at state, but still not good enough."

"Joe plays his best in the pressure matches," said Warrior tennis coach Allen Lobdell. "I didn't know what to expect from him at the beginning of last year, but he certainly improved drastically from his sophomore season. He hits with more power than anyone else in the area."

Next spring, Lobdell and the Warriors will be rebuilding, as several top players graduated this year. It means that the entire season may center

around getting Markel back to state.

"We lost everybody," Markel said. "The team did some great things this year, and it will be very hard to have that happen again. We'll be rebuilding, for sure."

In the meantime, Markel has been busy this summer competing in tournaments for the St. Louis District, one of six such districts in the Missouri Valley Division of the National Tennis Association.

His travels have taken him recently to Topeka, Kan., and other tournaments scheduled for the near future include Oklahoma City.

This winter, he will continue to compete in national tournaments, including one at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona around the first of the year.

As for college, once again nothing but the best will suit Markel.

"I want to play Division I ten-

nis," he said. "I don't want to go to a small school somewhere; I'm determined to play at the top college level."

He expects to begin hearing from schools after he starts his senior year this fall.

Markel credits Lobdell for helping him improve during his high school career, and he said he also owes a lot to John Van Buskirk, who got him started with tennis at a young age.

He said he will try to help the younger players as much as he can next season, although tennis is different than other high school sports.

"It's such an individual sport. I don't know if I can really be a leader," Markel said. "But I'll do what I can to teach the younger players what it takes to be a good player."

"He had an outstanding season this past year," Lobdell said. "We're looking forward to having him back next year."

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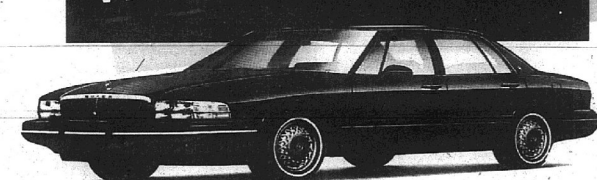
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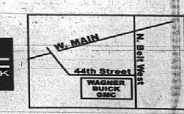
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